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SUBJECT: COOPERATION OF MEXICAN POSTAL AUTHORITIES AND
RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY SAME

REF: STATE 156891, 06 JUL 77

PASS US CUSTOMS, WASHDC AND US POSTAL SERVICE WASHDC

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MEXICAN POSTAL SERVICE, LIC. ROMANO SERRANO, HAS SENT A LETTER TO EMBASSY CONSUL GENERAL AND REGIONAL FEDERAL BENEFITS OFFICER THANKING THEM FOR THEIR COOPERATION. EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED FOR ENTRY OF MEXICAN MAIL AND TRANSMISSION OF TEST LETTERS THROUGH U.S. POSTAL CHANNELS WITH COOPERATION OF U.S. POSTAL SERVICES AND U.S. CUSTOMS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER TAMPERING WAS TAKING PLACE. EMBASSY INTEREST INITIALLY AROUSED WHEN FEDERAL BENEFITS CHECKS TO VERACRUZ VIA MEXICO CITY POSTAL SYSTEM HAD APPARENTLY BEEN DIVERTED.

2. OFFICIALS REPORTED SEVERAL ARRESTS AT THE WORKING LEVEL AT THE MEXICO CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR THEFT AND VIOLATIONS OF POSTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS. NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT THE THEFTS INVOLVED MILLIONS OF PESOS WORTH
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IN MAIL AND PACKAGES. INSPECTORS ORALLY EMPHASIZED THAT NO HIGHER OFFICIALS WERE APPARENTLY INVOLVED.

3. A REQUEST WAS MADE TO THE MEXICAN POSTAL AUTHORITIES BY THE CONSUL GENERAL FOR A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE REPORT AND THERE WERE TWENTY THREE INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED,

TWENTY OF WHOM WERE CHARGED. THE CHARGES WERE VIOLATIONS AGAINST THE PUBLIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, THEFT, DESTRUCTION OF POSTAL MATERIAL, UNLAWFUL SEIZURE OF FUNDS AND FRAUDULENT CASHING OF CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS.

THE CASES WERE FILED IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WITH NUMBER 3622/77 AND CONSIGNED TO THE FIRST DISTRICT PENAL JUDGE. TO DATE THESE PEOPLE HAVE NOT BEEN SENTENCED.

4. NO FURTHER ACTION HAS BEEN NECESSARY IN THIS AREA. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND WILL PASS ANY INFORMATION ON TO YOU. LUCEY

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